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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

- Amendment and Reply to Office Action, with Appendix A & B (14 pgs.);
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Kenneth Campbell (two counter parts, 6 pgs.);
- Copy of Modified Form 1449 filed on August 24, 2001 (Paper No. 5) (3 pgs.);
- Copy of References A1-A13; B1-B12 and C1-C43; and
- Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212-935-3000, New York, New York.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the May 13, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 11), in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this response within the shortened statutory period set to expire on August 13, 2003, therefore no additional fees are believed due.

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Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants have attached Appendix A, wherein the amended specification pages are presented in clean form. Applicant has attached Appendix B, wherein the amended specification pages are presented in marked-up form.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: